



On February 8-9. First the first seminar of the educational course "Policy Analysis and Drafting Normative-legal Acts Using the Problem Solving Methodology" organized by Parliamentary Development Project II was held in Tavrida National V. I. Vernadsky University in Simferopol.

In November 2012 PDP II circulated application forms among young and active Crimeans who wished to



participate in the course. PDP II received total of 37 applications. After a preliminary selection and interviews 16 applicants were chosen for participation in the course. Additionally 3 PDP II interns working in the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, 3 consultants of the Library Center of the Verkhovna Rada of ARC and 2 teachers of the Tavrida National University took part in the seminar.

During the first seminar, participants were presented with an overview of the Problem Solving Methodology which was developed by Professors Ann and Robert B. Seidman and adapted by PDP II specialist Dr. Tetyana Fuley, who led the seminar in Simferopol. During two days participants worked in groups learning about the first of four steps of the methodology.



The course will continue through April 25th 2013 and will include weekly meetings conducted by PDP II Simferopol staff , work in small groups, and two more seminars conducted by Dr. Fuley.